THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) It is possible that postal services in some areas may have deteriorated due to a number of factors.

(b) *Postal* ; The following mail surveys were carried out to ascertain the delivery efficiency recently :

(i) Rural Mail Survey

(ii) All India Mail Survey

The study revealed that about 69% of mails within a district are delivered on the next day and 21% on the third day. Transmission norms for first class mails in the following cases have been worked out :

1. The same city/town.

2. Between State Capitals and and Districts in the States.

3. Among 50 selected cities covering at National Level.

4. Between National Capital and all the district Headquarters in the country.

These norms are being tested to place them on firm footing.

Telecom : At present the Department of Telecom is monitoring centrally the delivery of telegrams from Central Telegraph Offices/Departmental Telegraph Offices. The percentage of delivery of telegrams within 12 day light hours was 81·9% in March, 1989 and it has improved to 83·8% in March, 1990. The corresponding targets were 83% and 85% respectively. Monitoring of telegram s delivered from combined offices is carried out at the Circle and Divisional levels in the field.

(c) *Postal :* The mail arrangements are under constant watch and remedial measures are taken to rectify the defects and to streamline the arrangements from time to time.

Telecom : The Department of Telecom has initiated the following remedial action to improve performance further:

(i) introducing of Store and Forward Switching systems in the Telegraph Net work to reduce manual transmitting of telegrams.

(ii) Use of Mopeds for speeding up delivery of telegrams.

(iii) arranging standby power arrangements in Telegraph Offices to mitigate power failure problems.

In addition Electronic Teleprinters and Electronic Keyboards are being introduced in the Telegraph network to ensure more reliable operation of Telegraph service.

Setting up committees consisting of experts to preview programmes for telecasting in national network

2360. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has set up Committees consisting of experts to pre-view each and every programme, including the serials and certify its acceptability for telecast in national network;

(b) if so, the number of such committees entrusted with this assignment together with details of the members in respective committees; and

(c) what are the procedures followed by local Kendras in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) A single panel of non-officials has been drawn up to preview and approve serials and tele-films for telecast on the national network of Doordarshan. The names of the empanelled persons are kept confidential in order to protect them from the possibility of outside pressures, etc.

(c) The Kendras have also committees for the selection of serials/ tele-films.

दिल्ली में पुलिस द्वारा दर्ज किए गए मामले

2361. सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत पांच वर्षों या उससे अधिक समय में दिल्ली में पुलिस द्वारा दर्ज किए गए अनेक मामले विभिन्न न्यायालयों में लंबित पड़े हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी कुल संख्या कितनी है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले कई वर्षों से इन मामलों में न्यायालयों में आरोपों को सत्य प्रमाणित करने की दिशा में कोई प्रगति नहीं हुई है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो पुलिस प्रशासन द्वारा इन सभी मामलों की पुनः परीक्षा किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) क्या प्रशासन द्वारा भविष्य में इस संबंध में ठोस कदम उठाये जाने की कोई संभावना है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) 8598 मामले ।

(ग) जी नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रशासन, मामलों की प्रगति के बारे में सावधिक रूप से समीक्षा करता है । संबंधित विभागों द्वारा न्यायालयों में भी मामलों को आगे बढ़ाया जाता है ।

Telephone facility provided to villages in Bihar

2362. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of villages in Bihar which have been provided telephone facility as on 30-4-90 ; and

(b) what is the number of villages in the State which are likely to be provided this facility during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) 3714 villages in Bihar have been provided with telephone facility as on 30-4-1990.

(b) 900 villages in the State are planned to be provided with telephone facility during the current year 1990-91.

Closing of Krishna Temples in USA

2363. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the US move to close Krishna temples of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in that country;